

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for interchanging information between a portable appliance and a database, said system comprising the steps of:

establishing a wireless connection between said portable appliance and a POS terminal, said POS terminal being connectable to a plurality of e-service servers over a network; and

initiating a synchronization process between said portable appliance and a connected server to synchronize information stored in said portable appliance with information stored in said connected server via said POS terminal.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said synchronization step includes the steps of:

locating a proper one of said e-service servers on said network; and

interchanging unique identify codes between said portable appliance, said POS terminal and said connected server.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the selection of a proper server depends, at least in part, on a unique identity code of said portable appliance.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said network is an Internet.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said portable appliance comprises at least one of the following: a cell phone, a PDA, and a beeper.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of synchronizing includes the step of downloading digital content.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein said digital content comprises at least one of the following: email, music, movie, ticket, and electronic books.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of establishing the wireless connection includes the step of verifying if said portable appliance is authorized to access said POS terminal.

9. A system for synchronizing information on a portable appliance, comprising:
a network;
a plurality of e-services available to said network; and
at least one POS terminal connectable said e-service servers over said network;

5 wherein said portable appliance establishes a wireless connection with said POS terminal and initiates a synchronization process to synchronize information stored in said portable appliance with information stored in at least one e-service server via said POS terminal.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein said POS terminal establishes the wireless connection with said portable appliance if it is determined that said portable appliance is authorized to access said POS terminal.

11. The system of claim 9 wherein said POS terminal is operable to locate said at least one e-service server on said network to synchronize said information stored in said portable appliance with said information stored in said e-server.

12. The system of claim 9 wherein said network is an Internet.

13. The system of claim 9 wherein said portable appliance comprises at least one of the following: a cell phone, a PDA, and a beeper.

14. The system of claim 9 wherein the step of synchronizing includes the step of downloading digital content.

15. The system of claim 14 wherein said digital content comprises at least one of the following: email, music, movie, ticket, receipt, and electronic books.

16. A system for controlling the interchange of data when a portable device associated with a user, said system comprising:

means for temporarily interchanging information between one of said user devices and a POS terminal; and

5 means controlled by said POS terminal as a result of said interchange of information with a specific portable device for establishing a communication connection between said specific device and a particular remote e-services facility.

17. The system set forth in claim 16 further comprising means for allowing data exchange between said particular user device and said particular e-services facility via said POS terminal.

18. The system set forth in claim 16 further comprises means for allowing data exchange between said particular e-services facility and a designated receiving device, said receiving device designated by said particular user device via said POS terminal.

19. The system set forth in claim 16 wherein said e-services facility is selected from one of a database, server, communication network, or terminal network.